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Names Of Victims Released In Mine Shaft Incident



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(CBS 13) *EL DORADO COUNTY* The names of the victims killed in an abandoned gold mine in Eldorado County have been released.

Howard James Burtle, 49, and Theresa Lyn Bishop, 32, were killed Tuesday evening after they were overcome by gas fumes in an abandoned gold mine in El Dorado County.

Both victims were employees of a private water company, were doing some road work and decided to fill their water tanker with water from the abandoned mine behind 4941 Starke Grade Rd near Newtown, El Dorado County. The two brought a pump into the mine and when they started it, they were overcome by gas fumes.

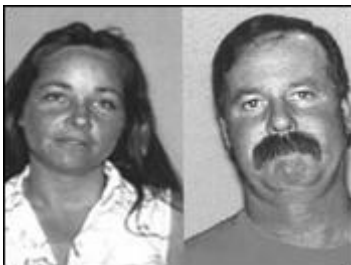
Bishop was reportedly able to get out of the mine and notify someone nearby of the situation. She went back into the mine and was again overcome by the fumes.

The mine shaft was approximately 150 feet deep, with a 30 degree incline down into the ground.

Both died from their injuries. Two dogs that were with the two also died.

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Two people were killed Tuesday after they were overcome by gas fumes in an abandoned gold mine in El Dorado County.



Pictured: Theresa Lyn Bishop, 32, and Howard James Burtle, 49, died Tuesday evening after suffering injuries in an El Dorado County mine shaft. CBS